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In connection with the above-entitled matter, Applicants hereby attach U.S. Patent Office form PTO-1449, including copies of the references listed therein. Where available, English language counterparts and/or abstracts are being provided for the Examiner's convenience. These references were cited in a Japanese Office Action dated June 6, 2007 issued in the Japanese counterpart utility patent application. Enclosed is a copy of the Japanese Office Action, together with an English translation of the relevant portions thereof. The claims in the present application are believed to be patentably distinguished over these references.

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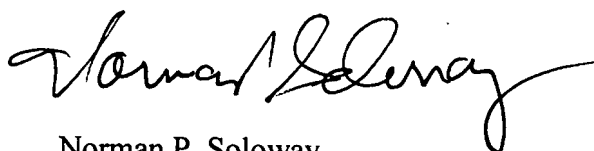
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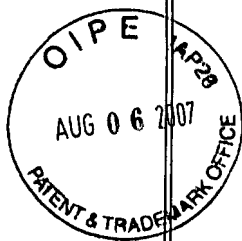
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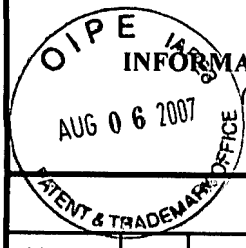
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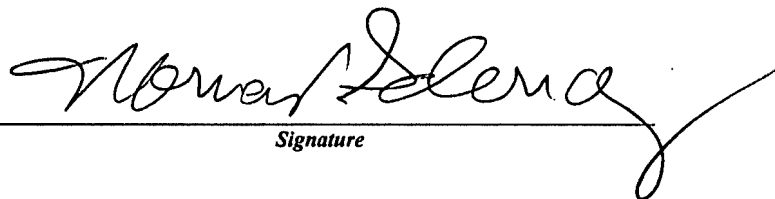
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